

## International Roundtable on Business Survey Frames

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### 1. Organisation

The business directory is obtained from the Economic Censuses, which are performed every five years, for the following sectors: industry, commerce, services, electric power and water, mining, fisheries and construction. The most recent Census was performed in 2004, providing a directory with nearly 3.3 business registers. The general updating of the directory is made every five years with the data obtained from the Census.

In the inter-census period, the business register is updated with the information obtained from the following sources:

- The Statistical Manifesto, which is a disposition in the Statistical and Geographic Law, that obligates to the enterprise to report births, deaths and movements to The National Institute of Statistics and Geography.
- The movements detected for the surveys and
- A continuous research of the big enterprises.

The Census is made for an especial operative staff, but the responsibility of maintaining and updating the Business Register is in charge of the Design and Statistical Survey Frames Direction of the INEGI, in order to provide sample frames for the economic surveys. The staff includes 16 people at central level and 32 auxiliary part time personnel in the state offices.

### 2 Progress and developments during the past year

- There were several meetings with the people in charge of the data bases of Social Security and Tax offices to obtain agrees about to normalize some variables of our directories as a first step to make enable to share information.
- It was promoted the general use of North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) which is the B.R. classificator, for all the statistical information producers. Among other institutions, it has been adopted by the Social Security office.
- A new software which permit the capture of the Statistical Manifesto updating movements was implemented in the offices of the states.

- Due to the negative cost-profit of maintain an updated directory of micro enterprises, there were studied the possibilities of use the National Dwelling Sample Frame to made a probabilistic area statistical design survey, in order to obtain business demography of micro enterprises. The results of the research indicates that the dwelling frames has the enough number of enterprises to obtain good demography estimations.
- To increase the level of collected information, provided by Statistical Manifesto. promoting the sign of agreements with the state governments, to make the Statistical Manifesto obligatory when the people is trying to obtain the license to start a new enterprise.

### **3. Solved issues, problems and future plans**

- It was concluded the operative planning of the Economic Census 2009. It is in process the verification and updating of the large establishments directory for the industrial, commerce and services sectors, and the directories of mining, transport, fisheries and construction.
- From March to July 2009, it will be made the field operative of the Economic Census.
- We will replace the actual B.R. with the database obtained with the Census 2009 information. There are several new operatives planned to maintain permanently updating this database.
- It will be prepared the conceptual design, and the infrastructure to support the field operative to obtain business demography information in 2010.